



Open Space Committee

Date: Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Time: 7:30 PM.

Location: Conducted by Zoom remote participation

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Elisabeth Carr-Jones, Emily Nink, Wendy Richter, David White, Emily Sullivan

Absent: Phil Lasker, Teresa DeBenedictis, John Pickle, Brian Kelder

1. Open Space and Recreation Plan (2015-2022)

- a. The \$35,000 CPA grant for updating the Open Space & Recreation Plan was approved by Town Meeting in June 2020. The Revised Plan must be submitted to the State Division of Conservation Services by May 2022. An RFQ was publicly posted soliciting the work for this update in October 2020. Emily S. and Ann had a virtual briefing for the RFQ with interested firms on October 21, 2020. The Committee received two proposals for the plan update, from Horsley Witten and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC). The Committee selected Horsley Witten as the firm to update the Plan. Emily S. is working on contract documents and the Plan Update kickoff meeting will be on January 28, 2021 during the regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

2. Review/approve Minutes of October 22, 2020

- a. Minutes of the November 12 meeting were reviewed and approved by all members present.

3. Updates: CPA/CDBG projects

- a. David updated the Committee on the status of Reservoir Master Plan Phase 2. The Park & Recreation Commission has submitted a permit application to the Conservation Commission for the project work.
- b. Emily updated the Committee on the status of Wellington Park Phase 3, which is finalizing construction documents to get ready for bid.
- c. The Committee reviewed the CPA projects submitting final applications for FY2022 grant awarding. These projects include: renovating the Spy Pond North Beach Ramp with porous pavement material, renovating Spy Pond Park Playground, developing a Town-wide Public Land Management Plan, renovating Hurd Field, and replacing the Robbins Farm Park slides.

4. Other News and Reports

- a. Relocation planning for the VA memorial at Broadway Plaza is on hold.
- b. The Mountain Bike Working Group met to assess four possible open spaces for a mountain bike park, including Crusher Lot, Hill's Hill, Menotomy Rocks Park, and Turkey Hill. Phil Lasker, the Working Group Chair, is refining an evaluation form so that Working Group members can evaluate each site on specific

criteria and help the Working Group develop a consensus for a recommendation to the Park & Recreation Commission.

- c. Mugar/Thorndike Place: An updated wetlands delineation was submitted to the ZBA on October 22, 2020 and an updated comprehensive permit application was submitted to the ZBA on November 3, 2020. The ZBA has scheduled a hearing on the wetlands and stormwater management components of the project for December 22, 2020.
- d. Mirak: The State is still reviewing the eligibility of this comprehensive permit application, and nothing has been submitted to the ZBA yet.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

Next Meetings: 1/28/2021, 2/11/2021

Submitted by
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